

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 9, 2014

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 3:30 p.m. in the Study Session Room located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 9th day of October, 2014, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyazgi, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, Steve Lucas, James Wheatley, David Wilson, and Chair Eddie Sims

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Robert Wasoski, FOP (absent)
Jill Tran, OU
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Krohmer, Budget Manager
James Fullingim, Fire Chief
Jim Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief
Keith Humphrey, Police Chief
Capt. Todd Gibson, NPD
Lt. Jamie Shattuck, NPD
Lt. Brent Barbour, NPD
MPO Teddy Dickenson, NPD
Jeff Bryant, City Attorney
Leah Messner, Assistant City Attorney II

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Francis, Citizen
Roger Gallagher, Citizen
Casey Holcomb, Citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eddie Sims. Jill Tran, OU Student, was introduced and welcomed as the new Committee Liaison.

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014.

Member Elyazgi moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of September 11, 2014, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Greenleaf;

and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of September 11, 2014, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyazgi, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, Steve Lucas, James Wheatley, David Wilson, and Chair Sims

NAYES: None

Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of September 11, 2014, were approved.

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ITEM 3, being:

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MEETING DATES AND TIME CHANGE

After discussion, Keith Allen moved that the Committee meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Study Session Room, which motion was duly seconded by Member Greenleaf;

and the question being to approve that the Committee meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Study Session Room, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyazgi, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, Steve Lucas, James Wheatley, David Wilson, and Chair Sims

NAYES: None

Chair Sims declared the motion carried that the Committee meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Study Session Room, is approved.

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ITEM 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

Monthly Detailed Finance Report was presented by Suzanne Krohmer. Questions were asked about various line items: New World Systems total and exact amount for software. RDS/dispatch is \$2,000,000. Plans are to go live in late December 2014.

Various questions were asked about body cameras for police officers. They are audio/visual, a wireless system in cars and on-body cameras. Request was made to bring one to a meeting for demonstration.

Discussed large expenditures for fire equipment on page 126. Fire Chief explained that the \$150,000 was for the chassis for the brush pumper. And the larger amount was the cost of the engine just ordered.

Report discussion was continued with capital equipment details.

Fire Department

Replacement of fire engine for Fire Station #3 has been ordered. We pay 80% up front with order; hold back the 20% until delivery. The company gives a 6% discount for paying up front. Fire Department will have 3 new brush pumpers in service by March 2015, making a total of 5 new ones before next spring. Tankers with 3,000 gallon capacity will be delivered October 15th and then radios will have to be installed.

Chief reported on two Shelter Grants covering a portion of the cost of storm shelters being administered now. These are for the people directly affected by the 2013 tornadoes in Cleveland County. The Red Cross Grant – it's a year and a half out from the storms but we are trying to locate the people who qualify for this help. The FEMA Application has passed State review and forwarded to FEMA. We have three years to work with this grant.

Police Report

Lt. Jamie Shattuck gave the report. There was just over 400 Community Oriented Policing (COP) hours activity in September. Coffee-with-a Cop will be held at Café Plaid October 13th. The Citizens Police Academy is half way complete and applications are being taken for the one to be held in the spring.

There were 48 different parties held on National Night Out and it was a big success. Two parties had approximately 250 persons in attendance, one had 150 and two parties had 75 each.

A big benefit of having the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund is more police officers on the street.

Lt. Brent Barbour had handout and discussed the Cottonwood Ridge Condominiums Project. This housing is located in what's called the Eastside Baker Beat. It has been a challenge because it has multiple owners and no central management. Many of the older people own their own housing unit and have lived here for several years. They have very unique factors and a little over a year ago we started identifying the problems: fights, assaults, drugs, threats and fear. They have a new Homeowners Association president that has been active in solving the problems. The combined efforts and actions of police and Cottonwood owners have really helped. The Cottonwood landlords/tenants have worked on lease contracts and there are special assessments on all owners. A special "tobacco free zone" has been set up. Calls for help to NPD have significantly changed and decreased. Calls dealing with crime have significantly decreased.

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ITEM 5, being:

RCC CONSULTANTS, INC. (RADIO CONSULTANTS) UPDATE AND UPDATE ON
EOC/DISPATCH FACILITY/DISPATCH BUILDING SITES

Chief Humphrey says the planning is still in preliminary stage as we are looking for what system will work for our City. We are also looking at locations for the Emergency Operations Center. There will be a Study Session on November 25th with recommendations for EOC locations.

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Item 6, being:

UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF
NORMAN AND NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
PROGRAM

Jeff Bryant said they are still working on drafts that are going back and forth between the City and the Norman School District as negotiations are ongoing. We don't have anything to present at this time. Draft is waiting on negotiations to be finalized. Discussions as to days, cost split, etc. are still occurring.

Matthew Leal asked if there is a timeline for completion. Jeff Bryant said we are just waiting for negotiations to be completed. Keith Allen asked who is negotiating. Chief Humphrey said it mainly concerns work schedule issues, 2080 hours or 9 month schedule. Keith Allen asked how does school handle security now and why would we make it any different. Chair Sims asked how many hours in a school day and Chief Humphrey said there are 270 days. Citizen Holcomb asked how the MOU is going to address mission of School Resource Officers and contact with students. There's plenty of time to negotiate as the SRO will not go to work until August 2016. A large part of the negotiations concerns the amount the capital outlay for these officers for vehicles, etc. The Committee would like to be able to make recommendations after MOU is completed. Jeff Bryant explained that the Committee is still a recommendatory committee.

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ITEM 7, BEING:

EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Committee wanted to discuss the possibility of having executive sessions. Jeff Bryant explained that the Council passed a resolution setting the guidelines for all Committees. Meetings are to be open to the public. Executive Sessions are to be used for acquisition of real property, personnel matters, or a claim against the City, etc. None of these items apply to this Committee. If a member of the Committee feels like they are not getting all the information needed, they can speak to the Chairman and the City staff can be contacted and information will be provided.

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ITEM 8, being:

RESCUE VEHICLE PRESENTATION BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Capt. Todd Gibson made the presentation and reviewed the handout. There are 2 main goals during a catastrophe: stop the killing and stop the dying of people. Rescue personnel have now been trained to stop the bleeding at a catastrophe which helps stop the dying. This vehicle will allow us to get the well trained and equipped people to the site of the catastrophe. Catastrophic events can be weather-related, fire, shooter, etc. The vehicle is not a military tank and has no offensive capabilities. Fire trucks actually have more military capabilities than this rescue vehicle. This vehicle is manufactured in Massachusetts and is marketed for local law enforcement agencies. The size of the vehicle is comparable to an ambulance. You can purchase a used military vehicle for approximately \$2,500 but it would take a lot of expense to make them operational. Different applications for the vehicle: weather related rescue – push large objects out of the way, or at special events/festivals where there are large groups of people. This vehicle will be useful if you have an active shooter, this allows us to get close to the active shooter area. NPD has studied many case studies showing value of the rescue vehicle. A city the size of Norman needs to be prepared for these types of events. The cost of this vehicle is \$250,000 to \$280,000 and has a life span of 25 years. The Police Department is asking for the support of this Committee to purchase this vehicle.

Item 9, being:

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NOVEMBER 13TH MEETING

- RCC Consultants, Inc.
- Update on MOU

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Item 10, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Member Allen to have a letter from the Committee drafted to the Norman Police Department recognizing the department's success with the Cottonwood Ridge Project, which motion was duly seconded by Member Leal;

and the question being to have a letter from the Committee drafted to the Norman Police Department recognizing the department's success with the Cottonwood Ridge Project, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyazgi, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, Steve Lucas, James Wheatley, David Wilson, and Chair Sims
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NAYES:	None
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Chair Sims declared the motion carried to have a letter from the Committee drafted to the Norman Police Department recognizing the department's success with the Cottonwood Ridge Project.

ITEM 11, being:

ADJOURNMENT

Member Wilson moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee meeting adjourn, which motion was duly seconded;

and the question being to adjourn the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee meeting, a vote was taken with the following results;

YEAS:	Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyazgi, Joan Goth, Lea Greenleaf, Matthew Leal, Steve Lucas, James Wheatley, David Wilson, and Chair Sims
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NAYES:	None
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Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee adjourned at 5:00 pm.